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## THE JOURNAL AND PENSACOLA DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS.

Elsewhere in these columns today, The Journal tells something of the material progress which it has made since coming into the possession of the present ownership ten years ago and of the development which the city of Pensacola has undergone during that period. But the things of which we tell there are material things. There are other elements in the making of a newspaper or a community and of those we would speak briefly here.

From the beginning, The Journal has stood for clean news columns, for clean advertising, for clean morals everywhere. It has been the advocate of clean politics and progressive government, of healthy public sentiment and civic righteousness. It has exposed and denounced fraud wherever fraud was discovered, and the white light of publicity which The Journal generated has had the purifying effect upon both politics and government which heat and light usually produce on everything they touch.

Many things have happened in the past ten years. Sometimes they have not been as The Journal would have them, but whatever was done or not done, the trend of public opinion and of civic accomplishment as we look back over it now has always been for the better. There is a healthier, more independent, more progressive public sentiment today than there ever was before. Of whatever part The Journal has had in these things, the public itself is the best judge and we shall not attempt to detail it here.

With the rounding out of these ten years, The Journal could not discuss them without reference to the support, the encouragement, and the patronage which it has received from the people of Pensacola almost as a whole. Without that support The Journal could never have succeeded, and it feels today that the paper belongs almost as much to the people of Pensacola as it does to the proprietors themselves.

We do not know what the next ten years will bring forth, but The Journal hopes that in them it shall always be able to merit the good will of a people whose past friendship has enabled it to make the success which it claims today.

## LET THE "LOAN SHARKS" BE DRIVEN OUT OF FLORIDA.

The article published elsewhere in The Journal today by Hon. John P. Stokes, representative-elect to the legislature from Escambia county, on the iniquities of the loan business as conducted by what are commonly known as "loan sharks" should have the thoughtful attention of every good citizen.

If there is anything that can be said in defense of the business which Mr. Stokes so graphically describes we should like to hear it. If there is a business in the world which has less ground for defense than the calling of the "loan shark," we should like to know what business it is. If there is any reason for permitting the continuance of such a business, The Journal would be glad also to hear that.

We commend Mr. Stokes for the energy and the intelligence with which he is going about his purpose to rid the state of these human leeches, and between now and the time that they are put out of business The Journal will endeavor to show up the iniquities of the "loan shark" system until popular indignation, if nothing else, will compel our law-making body to absolutely prohibit their further operations in the state of Florida.

## The Governor's Views on The Leasing of Convicts.

In a letter addressed to The Journal, published elsewhere in today's issue, Governor Gilchrist gives his reasons why the convicts of the state should be leased. And among other things he cites the following, which, we believe to be the one controlling influence which continues in Florida a condition well known to be opposed to the best thought of modern economists and humanitarians:

"Owing to financial conditions," says the governor, "it is quite evident that the state convicts should be leased, that being the only practical disposition to make of them for the present."

The Journal is not willing to accept the theory that the convicts "should" be leased, for this or any other reason which it has heard advanced; but it is quite confident that for some time to come they "will" be leased, and, as asserted, for the reason named. At the same time, the governor destroys the force of this "reason" by suggesting in another paragraph that "if the state is desirous of securing good roads through the agency of the convict system, a law might be passed by which the proceeds from the leasing of convicts should be applied to the construction of good roads."

But what would be the immediate financial benefit to the state if the money derived from leasing convicts were used as suggested? Would it not be the same thing to employ them directly on the roads under state supervision? For if the lease money were applied to road building it evidently could not be used for any other purpose for which it may now seem to be necessary.

The Journal, however, is of the opinion that no great state should maintain an evil to satisfy a sordid pocket. It is far better to suffer in spirit than to commit a moral wrong.

It is better, moreover, to suffer in spirit, yea, even to a point where the heart may break, than to do so. We are confident that the governor is acting from what he conceives to be the proper economical and ethical viewpoint, but it is impossible for The Journal to agree with him.

The Journal believes that, in so far as it is possible, the state is looking out for the good treatment, proper lodgment and adequate nourishment of its leased convicts, and in the future as in the past this paper will raise its voice in protest against any dereliction in these respects by the counties toward their criminals. But there is a great principle involved in the case of convicts which we have touched on from time to time and which, we believe, will be generally understood in the future and cause a radical change of view with equally radical legislation to follow concerning the care and employment of all prisoners.

## Miami's Freakest Of All Ordinances.

Is there any connection between the Florida boosters of Jacksonville and the Florida roosters of Miami?—Pensacola Journal.

The only connection known to exist between the two is the craving of the former to see the latter in a pot-pie. You needn't make fun of our roosters, either, for they won't be here long. Miami is going to try to get two Methodist conferences here again, and in that way entirely eradicate the chicken family.—Miami Metropolis.

Well, Miami certainly adopted a

funny plan to get rid of the roosters. For any one may see that the following ordinance passed by the city council and signed by the mayor is aimed against the boosters and not the roosters. Just read it, it's a rara avis: Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Miami:

Section 1. That from and after the adoption of this ordinance, its approval and publication as required by law, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, who is the owner of any chicken, goose, turkey, guinea, duck, pea-fowl or other domestic or domesticated fowl to run at large in the city limits of the city of Miami.

Section 2. That any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of section one (1) of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

The Metropolis may well attempt to laugh the matter off, but the situation is a critical one for the "persons, firms and corporations" named in the ordinance. The guardians of the law are strict in the "Magic City," and will doubtless teach a lesson to the United States government in running down and nabbing some poultry owning corporation found loose in the streets. Great is Miami and great its legislative solons.

## Oath and Opinion

### In Apt Conjunction.

The New York World of Wednesday used the following at the head of its editorial matter:

I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States.—Mr. Taft's oath of office.

I am far less concerned by particular theories than by general methods of government—methods which have been carrying us swiftly toward a condition under which limitation upon governmental power would be done away with and the favoritism and caprice of an autocrat would take the place of constitutional restraint. And some chance barbarian as an autocrat might overturn our temples, and do more harm in the direction of uncivilizing the country than all our colleges together could possibly repair.—From Republican Congressman McCall's letter declining the presidency of Dartmouth College.

The Journal has recently called attention to the president's oath of office, and also to McCall's utterance, and was struck by the connection of the two thus strongly emphasized by the World.

Of course no living man may tell how far President Taft may be willing to go in carrying out the Root doctrine of constitutional interpretation, not by the letter, but by rule of thumb in order to satisfy the exigencies of the hour. Let us hope the president will be wise enough to see the danger of going too far—better still, let us hope he will esteem his oath above every other consideration.

Root has just made another speech in which he has insisted that the government should use all its power in carrying out its treaties. Judging from the past he believes a treaty may be made that will override the reserved rights of the states. The theory is utterly false; and all patriotic citizens, republicans as well as democrats, will unite in an earnest hope that the new president will not be misled by it.

The Pensacola Journal cannot cease its efforts to Bryanize the Pilot on the state rights question, but it about reached a reductio ad absurdum position when in a recent issue it had the following item upon the subject:

"Our young friend of the Panama City Pilot who has been dabbling in state's rights would profit by reading the constitution of the United States." "Young friend" is good, decidedly so. It causes ye editor to remark after Burns "O would some power the giftie gie us, To 'make us young' as it hithers see us. Fortunately or otherwise ye editor passed a most exacting legal examination upon the constitution about the time The Journal man was learning his A. B. C.'s. And dabbling in state's rights 'couldn't that jar you?—Panama City Pilot.

Of course The Journal thought the Pilot editor young. Isn't he? Hasn't he just gone and done like all the other young fellows—got married? And this leads us to remark he'd better commence dabbling in marital rights and leave state rights alone. He's weak on the latter, but on the former he might turn out a regular Petruchio.

There is no doubt about Jacksonville, Pensacola and Tampa being great cities, but when they assume that they are the entire state, it's time to call a halt. In comparison with the balance of the state they are mere ciphers with the rim rubbed out.—Manatee Record.

Why this unprovoked exhibition of spite, most worthy Walpole of the Sea-Cow's land? When have these three bully burgers which have thus fallen beneath the blighting blast of your scorching censure made the preposterous claim you ascribe to them? Speak, O mighty wrestler with the Armour Packing Company, that our iniquity may be clear before us and that we may grovel beneath you in the dust with abject shame and confusion.

The campaign for agricultural education in the schools of Alabama is well under way and if conscientiously continued will produce greater results than its promoters imagine; and Florida should follow the lead of her sister state. Teach the young to know the soil—the kindly bosom that gives

nourishment to all mankind. Teach them to love the soil—where lies hidden the only hope of their physical existence. Teach them to till the soil—to wisely direct its fruitifying activities that it may produce its utmost for the support of men. Could there be a nobler lesson taught?

Is there any connection between the Florida boosters of Jacksonville and the Florida roosters of Miami?—Pensacola Journal. Yes. Both make a noise, like industry, and nobody but old maids and old fogies object to either.—Miami News-Record.

'Tis true; they both crow and strut and are out after the first worm. Then both consume corn, if an allotropic form of the cereal may be permitted in the argument.

"There is only one way to save our forests," says Forest Chief Pinchot, "and that is to see that they are kept at work growing new crops of timber as the old are cut away." Which is about the most sensible thing coming from Washington in many a long day.

Tom Moore's lines "We'll take a flight toward Heaven tonight and leave dull earth behind us," although referring to mental not physical aviation, were, nevertheless, prophetic if what Inventor Richardson says is true.

So far as replacing the marines aboard-ship goes it was a case of "root hog, or die," as they would get no money if remaining on land. So there's not much credit due for the naval order returning them where they belong.

O, wily Uncle Joe Cannon! He's willing to obey the findings of any committee, provided—he names the committee. For "There's little difference, don't you see, twixt tweedledum and tweedledee."

Labor federation editors, according to the latest judicial ruling, may call the Buck's Stove and Range Company any kind of old name, but they mustn't say it is "unfair"—that's altogether too awfully awful.

Funny idea this of whipping Central America into a state of gentle peace; something like using a pair of eagle's wings to manufacture a dove.

Wonder if the people of Slocumb, Alabama, understand what a philosopher they have among them in the editor of the News?

Judge Lindsey, of Colorado, claims to know when a ballot box has been scratched by a woman. He must be a married man.

Don't expectorate. You can't expect to rate yourself with the wide-awakes if you do.

Coal strike threatened—but summer's coming.

## VOX POPULI.

### MR. BROWN'S PLAN

IS ENDORSED.

March 13, 1909.

Editor Pensacola Journal:

I am heartily in favor of the plan advocated by L. S. Brown in The Journal of a city government by commissioners. I hope he will go fully into the referendum scheme and explain the intended working of it thoroughly.

A. R. BINGHAM.

## PENSACOLA AND PENSACOLIANS

### It is a Necessity.

The Pensacola navy yard is a necessity. Restore it to its former activity, President Taft, and you will indeed have won the hearts of the southerners.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

### The Best Location.

Pensacola people are happy over the action of the secretary of the navy regarding the order closing the navy yards at that place. It would have been unjust to the Deep Water City had the yards been closed. There is no other point on the Gulf coast so admirably situated for the location of the navy yards.—Gainesville Sun.

### Very Best Substitute.

Editor Mayes, the man who does things for the Pensacola Journal, had to decline the honor of assisting Tom J. Appleyard, of the Lake City Index, in editing the St. Augustine Record for a day during the meeting of the State Press association in St. Augustine March 30th, so Editor Appleyard has called in our Frank Harris, of the Ocala Banner, to even up the editorial double-tree on that occasion. The choice could not have fallen on a better shoulders and we trust the Ocala editor will be there with all his spring fancy unlimited.—Ocala Star.

### Pensacolans and Jacksonvilleins.

The Pensacola Journal has started a discussion of the question whether an inhabitant of that city should be called a Pensacolan or Pensacolian, and invites discussion. That discussion is likely to be endless, as there are plenty of analogies for both forms. But respect for the citizens of Jacksonville leads us to refrain from using the form in "ian," as it sounds like applying an opprobrious epithet to them. So every resident of Jacksonville must be a Jacksonvillean, unless we adopt another form and call him or her a Jacksonvilleese.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

### Not Merciless, Misguided.

Gov. Gilchrist has written a letter to Sheriff Van Pelt, of Escambia county, commending him for the manner in which he performed his duty in protecting a negro prisoner from the wrath of a mob. How does the governor's action strike the merciless ed-

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itors of the Punta Gorda Herald and DeSoto County News?—DeLand Record.

### That Gentle Collision.

Did that head-on collision at Tampa collide? We have seen no report of it.—Bronson Times-Democrat. That is just what has been troubling The Journal. From all we can make out those dastardly Jacksonville boosters intercepted the locomotives on their way south. How about it, Brother Lambricht?—Pensacola Journal. It is better that the collision was not "pulled off" at Tampa than to have had such a fake as the one perpetrated on the public at Jacksonville. No one expected to see anything but a farce on the day the bull fight was advertised to occur, but it was almost equivocal to "larceny after trust" to perpetrate such a farce as the collision of the two locomotives.—Gainesville Sun.

### Hits Nail on Head.

The Pensacola Journal hits the nail on the head in the following: The wonderful steps Mr. Taft is going to take to regulate, restrain, restrict and discipline the corporations with the help of five of the most renowned lawyers in his cabinet makes beautiful reading, like unto certain passages of the Pickwick papers. 'Tis a pity that one of the lawyers should at present be a renegade democrat and solicitor general of the Illinois Central railway, but perchance this will only emphasize his versatility, his adaptability to every legal requirement, his powers of assimilation to all circumstances.—Bronson Times-Democrat.

### Look to Their Laurels.

Pensacola's Mardi Gras this year was a decided success. The crowds were large and the best of order prevailed throughout the whole period of the carnival. The management of affairs showed a marked degree of efficiency, and it is evident that now the old carnival cities of Mobile and New Orleans must look well to their laurels.—Dunnellon Advocate.

### Thanks to Tusculumbia.

The citizens of Pensacola, Fla., are very much exorcised over an order said to have been issued by President Roosevelt just before his retiring from the presidency that the navy yard near that city be discontinued. The order has since been rescinded. The old fort and navy yards at Pensacola

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were idle for many years. Pensacola harbor is one of the deepest and finest harbors in the world, in which every Alabamian should take great pride, and we trust that all the bearing possible will be used to keep this great navy base alive and in operation.—Tusculumbia (Ala.) Alabamian-Dispatch.

## NEWS AND VIEWS BY STATE PRESS

### Honors for Jackson.

The announcement by Congressman Darnitte H. Mays that he has appointed Hon. Jefferson D. Stephens, of Marianna, as his private secretary, brings to mind the fact that Jackson county citizens have been honored in this respect for some time. It will be remembered that Mr. Amos Lewis was private secretary to Senator Mallory until the senator's death last fall. Mr. Paul Carter was private secretary to Congressman Lamar until today, and now Hon. Jefferson D. Stephens is chosen from the same county, and in turn to serve the succeeding congressman. The succeeding senator, up to the present, Hon. W. H. Milton, is likewise from the "State of Jackson."—Milton Index-Record.

### There Are Others.

The fact cannot be made too emphatic that clean sidewalks and clean crosswalks constitute a good advertisement for any city. Visitors have reason to take note of their condition, and it is one of the matters to which they most frequently refer. Jacksonville is noted for her clean, paved streets, but she has some very bad sidewalks.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

### Sensible People.

The Sun is now printing more papers for regular subscribers than ever in its history. The people are showing their appreciation of a good paper.—Gainesville Sun.

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I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Mayor, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

FRANK REILLY.

The friends of John Burns put his name in nomination for Mayor, subject to the Democratic primary. His platform will be the constitution of the United States.

I hereby announce myself for Mayor, asking the support of the voters, making only one promise, that is to serve the city as faithfully as I can.

J. N. ANDREWS.

FOR CITY RECORDER.  
I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Recorder of the City of Pensacola, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

WM. C. MONROE.

I hereby announce my candidacy to succeed myself in the office of Recorder for the City of Pensacola, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

WM. M. JOHNSON.

FOR CITY ATTORNEY.  
I am a candidate for re-election to the office of City Attorney, subject to the action of the Primary Election to be held April 2nd.

JOHN B. JONES.

FOR MARSHAL.  
I hereby announce myself a candidate for Marshal, subject to the action of the white Democratic primary.

HENRY T. BEIRNE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of City Marshal of the City of Pensacola, subject to the action of the White Democratic primaries.

FRANK D. SANDERS.

FOR CITY PHYSICIAN.  
I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of City Physician, subject to the action of the white Democratic primaries.

E. F. BRUCE, M. D.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of City Physician, subject to the action of the White Democratic Primaries of April 2nd.

W. D. NOBLES, M. D.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of City Physician, subject to the action of the White Democratic primary.

S. R. MALLORY KENNEDY.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.  
I hereby announce my candidacy for re-nomination as City Tax Assessor, subject to the action of the white Democratic primary.

THOS. JOHNSON.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR.  
I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of tax collector of the City of Pensacola, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries.

JNO. CARY WHITING.

FOR CITY TREASURER.  
I hereby announce my candidacy for re-nomination as City Treasurer, subject to the action of the white Democratic primary.

HARRY T. HOWLAND.

FOR FIRE CHIEF.  
I hereby announce myself a candidate for Chief of the Fire Department, subject to the action of the white Democratic primaries. My long service with the city and my experience, I believe, fully qualifies me to fill acceptably to the public, the duties of the office.

HENRY COUBOURG.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Chief of the Fire Department, subject to the action of the White Democratic primaries.

W. R. BICKER.

At the request of friends I hereby announce for the office of Chief of Fire Department.

JNO. CAMPBELL.